



This impending traffic fiasco was confirmed by the California Department of Transportation when it notified the City that the analysis by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation was inadequate and relied on outdated methodology, that the project would create dangerous driving conditions, and that the local gridlock would adversely impact the Hollywood Freeway.

This massive development will not only overwhelm the streets, but the rest of the local infrastructure, including sidewalks, water, electric and gas utilities, and the ability of the already understaffed local police and fire departments to maintain a safe environment and to respond to emergencies.

The Alien Implants will also alter Hollywood's skyline, creating vertical blight as the 585 foot and 495 foot skyscrapers will dwarf not only the iconic Capitol Records building, but every other structure in Hollywood, including the new but struggling W Hotel complex at Hollywood and Vine.

And more than likely, these crafty New York developers will try to further increase their haul at our expense through the use of highly profitable super graphics, digital billboards, or other messaging technology, adding to City's already considerable billboard blight.

But the most distressing aspect of the Millennium Hollywood project is the ability of the developer to "cajole, strong arm, or financially incentivize city politicians into making concessions and giving breaks" without the proper consideration of the impact on local and regional traffic and Hollywood's 190,000 residents.

While we may discount Hollywood's battle to preserve its community, the same forces that want to destroy its very fabric will be looking to create oversized and out of character developments throughout the City.

That is why all Neighborhood Councils, homeowners associations, and community groups need to join Hollywood in opposing the 1.1 million square foot Millennium Hollywood project and the Alien Implants.

We need to pressure the members of the City Council to reject the recommendations of the politically appointed, density loving Planning Commission and to consider revising the Hollywood Community Plan that was based on flawed projections of population growth.

The City Council should also direct that the height of any buildings be limited to the current level of 150 feet.

The City also needs to develop a credible analysis of the development's impact on traffic that complies with the state environmental and transportation laws and policies and takes into consideration the 57 other projects that are currently being developed or planned for Hollywood.

In 61 days, we will have a new mayor and a reconfigured City Council. What better way to earn our trust and confidence by realizing that our neighborhoods are not for sale to well-heeled, slick talking, non-transparent, self-serving real estate developers who are not willing to respect our communities and their values.

To learn more about the Millennium Hollywood project, visit [Stop the Millennium Hollywood Project](#) or [Millennium Hollywood](#).

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